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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, we trust in Your unfailing love and commit our lives to You. Help us to live in purity so that we will never dishonor You. Guard our minds so that our thoughts will please You as we passionately seek Your truth.

Today, strengthen the Members of this body in their work. Use them to bring comfort and courage to the less fortunate. Help them to give their hearts to You and seek to please You in all they do and say. May they find their peace and freedom in knowing You. Empower them to live in such a way that by the wisdom of their words and the power of their example, others may be moved to give their hearts to You.

We pray in Your majestic Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for an hour this morning. The majority controls the first half, Republicans control the final 30 minutes.

Following the period of morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6, the comprehensive energy legislation.

Under an order entered last night, the time following morning business until 11:45 will be equally divided between Senators BOXER and INHOFE, dealing with an amendment offered by Senator INHOFE regarding oil refineries. So at 11:45, the Senate will vote in relation to the Inhofe amendment.

Other amendments are expected to be offered after the Inhofe amendment is disposed of, and votes will occur throughout today's session.

Senator MCCONNELL and I have a meeting at the White House this afternoon, so I don't think we will have a

vote until about 3:30 or so after this first vote. I will also state it appears, because we need to move this Energy bill along, there will likely be no morning business tomorrow, so we should alert Members to that fact.

It is my understanding the Republican leader has something which he has to attend to.

MAKING MINORITY APPOINTMENTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 233, which was submitted earlier today; that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 233) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 233

Resolved, That the following be the minority membership on the Select Committee on Ethics for the remainder of the 110th Congress, or until their successors are appointed: Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Isakson.

SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I thought it was important to point out to the Senate and to the country what we have accomplished during this 6 months that we have been in session. We have had some hurdles to go through, and as a result of that, it has taken a little longer than we wanted on most everything, but we have made some significant accomplishments, and I think the Senate should talk about the accomplishments we have made.

Democrats can't take credit for all this work that has been done because everything that passed took Republican votes also. So I think we, as a Senate, should be able to talk about what we have accomplished.

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